

has been used for private purposes and also by officials for Delhi tours;

(d) if so, the number of time the aircraft was used for private purposes and for Delhi tours by the officials during the last two years stating the expenditure incurred on each occasion;

(e) whether use of the aircraft for such purposes is allowed under the rules or conditions;

(f) if so, the conditions laid down for its use; and

(g) if not, the action taken by the Government to provident its misuse in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) to (c). A six seater aircraft is being maintained by the Bokaro steel Plant for use in urgent and emergent circumstances. The aircraft can be used by the officers of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) Government for official trips including to Delhi and it has been used accordingly. When the aircraft has been used for official purposes, on certain occasions, officers/family members have also used the vacant seats for private journey, with the approval of the Competent Authority, on payment of charges as laid down by the Company.

(d) to (f). In the years 1990 and 1991, the total number of trips, including to Delhi, made by the Bokaro Steel Plant aircraft were 209; 104 in the year 1990 and 105 in the year 1991. These were official trips and the aircraft was not used for exclusive private journey. As per rules, on some occasions when aircraft is used for official purpose, the officers/family members can also use the vacant seats for Private Jowarnbey on payment of charges. The expenditure on account of operating cost of the aircraft is Rs. 4000/- per hours.

(g) Does not arise.

Agreement on working group in Energy with finland

7212. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether an agreement to set up a working group on Energy has been signed between India and Finland;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the modalities have also been fianlied in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Indo-Denish Pact on Power Front

7213. SHRIGEORGE FERNADES: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Denamark have emphasised the use of natural gas and other renewable energy sources to protect environment and prevent pollution as reported in the Hindu dated march 4, 1992;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any efforts in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?